

B / preparing a formulation including a test agent selected in step (b) and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

73. The method of claim 72, wherein the cell having a patched loss-of-function phenotype is a basal cell carcinoma.--

REMARKS

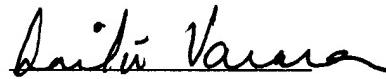
In response to the Office Communication dated June 6, 2000, Applicants submit a CPA divisional application. In the Office Communication, the Examiner states that the amendments to claim 49 and the addition of new claims 50-60, result in the introduction of a new, distinct invention, not previously claimed. Applicants respectfully disagree; however, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby file a CPA divisional application in an effort to prosecute the claims presented above.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Application, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**.

If there are any questions regarding the filing of this document, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (617) 832-1242.

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